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ANNOUNCEMENT TO SUBSCRIBERS.

The fourth number of THE HEBREW STUDENT is now in the hands of the subscribers. We trust that it may be regarded with the same favor as the preceeding numbers. The journal may fairly be considered as established. That such a periodical is in demand is indicated by the list of subscribers, which includes many of the most prominent ministers and laymen of all denominations in the United States and Canada. That it can be made a success is shown by the character of the numbers which have thus far appeared. A more able corps of contributors could not well be obtained. It remains of course to be seen whether the journal will maintain the character which it has assumed. It is believed that it can steadily be improved. Many articles of great value are already in the hands of the editor for future publication, and many are now being prepared. The professors of Old Testament Literature in the different theological seminaries have exhibited great interest in this undertaking, and have rendered it much assistance. A most important item, however, is the sympathy and co-operation of subscribers. They have it in their power to place the journal where failure from a financial stand-point will be impossible. Will not its subscribers, so far as possible, *labor for THE STUDENT*?

This aid is, perhaps, now the more needed since the connection with the paper of Mr. Meredith, the publisher, ceases with this number. For reasons which are entirely satisfactory to the editor, he withdraws. The entire management, business as well as editorial, will hereafter

devolve upon the editor. This additional responsibility is accepted by him with the confident feeling that he will be supported in this, a work which cannot but be regarded as most important.

It is desired to state further that the next number of the periodical *will not be published until September 1st*. The editor is fully aware that it is not customary for journals to pass over a month without an issue. He feels, however, entirely justified in this case on account of the attending circumstances:

(1) Almost all the subscribers are absent from home during the month of August.

(2) It is proposed hereafter to place the paper in the hands of subscribers on *the first day* of the month for which it is issued. To do this without dropping out a month would be a matter of great difficulty.

(3) The change of the business management demands some additional time in which to get matters well adjusted.

Subscribers will understand that the regular number of issues (*twelve*) will be furnished for the subscription-fee.

The editor trusts that, in view of the circumstances, he may be accorded the confidence and assistance of all who are interested in such work.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The attention of our readers is respectfully invited to the announcement made on page 79, with reference to THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF HEBREW.

In December, 1880, the idea was conceived of organizing a small class of pastors, who should systematically devote a specified amount of time to the study of Hebrew. The work was to be carried on *at home*, under the direction, however, of an instructor, who should mail weekly to each member of the class a lesson, printed with the electric pen. The plan was submitted to various persons, by whom it was deemed worthy of a trial. The first lesson was mailed February 14th, 1881, to *forty* pupils. The *forty* had become *seventy* at the mailing of the third lesson. The electric pen was then abandoned and the lessons were thereafter printed. The following table exhibits the rapid growth of the membership:

LESSON.	DATE.	NUMBER.
First	February 14th, '81,	Forty.
Third	March 4th, 1881,	Seventy.
Sixth	April 15th, 1881,	One hundred.
Tenth	May 15th, 1881,	One hundred and thirty.
Eleventh	May 29th, 1881,	Two hundred and fifty.
Twentieth	October 1st, 1881,	Three hundred.
Twenty-fifth	January 1st, 1882,	Three hundred and fifty.
Thirty-fourth	May 1st, 1882,	Four hundred.
	June 1st, 1882,	Four hundred and seventy-five.

This work was intended only for those who had already given some study to the language. From the very beginning, however, requests were received to organize a class for *beginners*. After much hesitation, such a class was organized. The first announcement was made April 15th, and within *three months* nearly one hundred applications for membership have been received. Already many of the members now engaged in the work have asked for the organization of an advanced class, by which they may be enabled to carry still further the work which they have begun